

GENERAL ELECTION LAWS & REGULATIONS



Placement of Campaign signs (City Code: Sec. 12-5-39):

- Do not place signs in the right of way.
- Do not place signs on trees or telephone/power poles.
- Do not place signs in medians.

Please see the Secretary of State's website for Campaign Advertising Guidelines:

<https://www.sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/Campaign%20Advertisement%20Guidelines-2022.pdf>

Campaigning (AL CODE: 17-17-5):

(a) No person in the employment of the State of Alabama, a county, a city, a local school board, or any other governmental agency, whether classified or unclassified, shall use any state, county, city, local school board, or other governmental agency funds, property, or time, for any political activities.

Absentee ballot applications must be returned to the City Clerk by the voter in person (or by the voter's designee in the case of medical emergency voting), by U.S. Mail, or by commercial carrier.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the City Clerk by the voter in person (or by the voter's designee in the case of medical emergency absentee voting) or by U.S. Mail.

Absentee ballot applications returned by mail must be received no later than 7 days before the election.

Absentee ballot applications returned by hand must be received no later than 5 days before the election.

No absentee ballot application or ballot may be mailed in the same envelope as another voter's absentee ballot application or ballot.

A voter cannot leave the polling location with their ballot.

Campaign literature cannot be distributed inside of the polling place.

Only voters are permitted to wear campaign hats, shirts, buttons, etc. inside of the polling place while casting their ballot.

Individuals are not permitted to campaign within 30 feet of the entrance to a voting facility.

Appointed poll watchers must present to the Chief Inspector a signed letter of appointment from a candidate prior to service. Forms can be found on City Clerk's webpage:

www.birminghamal.gov/about/city-directory/city-clerk/

Only voters, city appointed poll workers, public safety personnel and personnel from the Office of the City Clerk are permitted inside of the polling place on election day.

As election day nears, key dates and times for voters and candidates are outlined and periodically updated on the City Clerk's website: www.birminghamal.gov/city-directory/city-clerk/

For general election information outside of campaign finance instructions/filings, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (205) 254-2290.